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TO MAKE ROOM for the favors of correspondents, and the conclusion of the report of the late State Farmer's Convention at Orono, we are obliged to surmount a large portion of this issue to matter other than that of editorial. We thank our correspondents for their continued favor, and shall give a greater variety in succeeding issues.

Just as we are closing the forms of this page of the FARMER, we have a telegram informing us of the disease of our old-time friend and former correspondent, Mr. Henry Poor of Brooklyn, L. I., N. Y., which occurred at 2 o'clock A. M., on Friday, 25th ult. A kind letter received a few days previously, had informed us of his long and painful illness, and prepared us for the sad news just at hand. The letter said: "THE MAINE FARMER has been a great comfort to Mr. Poor in his illness, as he has enjoyed reading it ill within the last two weeks. His interest in the advance of agriculture is as strong as ever, and his love for the farm has never abated." Our readers who have for a long time missed the vigorous, instructive articles, will regret that his pen can no longer plead for "wheat and corn growing and better farming in Maine"; but will wish us in expressions of profound sorrow and sympathy for the large circle of bereaved relatives and friends.

THE COMMUNICATION OF PROF. STONE of Kou's Hill, in this number, will be read with interest by all specially devoted to the subject about which it treats; while it must possess interest for all who have any love for wood craft and forest adventure. His wanderings in search of a horseback have certainly been followed up with a great deal of enthusiasm and devotion, and we hope he will continue his "Notes by the Way," by giving our readers an account of that terrific six days journey through the forest from Bridgewater to No. 9, Range 4 in Aroostook county. We have never intended to a more interesting narrative, and are satisfied the instances are not common of so great deprivations being endured for sake of the pure love of scientific accuracy and desire for positive information. Prof. Stone is probably the first man to go through the wilderness in the summer time from Aurora to Deblois, as he doubtless was in making the perilous journey through the towns above mentioned.

THE AGRICULTURAL FARM has made another appearance. "The Farm Yard Club of Jotham," following the "Plow," "The Blessed Bee," and lots of similar books must stand back for a short time and let "How We Saved the Old Farm, and How It Became a New Farm," (Loring, Boston, price 50 cents,) be heard. In some respects it comes nearer the true "agricultural novel" than Dr. Loring ever dreamed of, and has some merits the "Farm Yard Club" of Jotham" cannot lay claim to, especially that it can be read through in a single evening, and has no tedious episodes in the shape of dry papers read at the Club meetings. The story tells us that a widow son went to work to pay his mortgage of the old farm, by good management and hard work, which was well qualified in three years, and the farm was saved. There is, of course, some practical love in the story, the characters are generally well drawn, but the balance sheet at the profts of three season's work is almost too large to be believed! (p. 50.) Still, making some allowance for this, the reading of the little story will do good, and help on many young farmers, we hope, to a better love of the farm, and a more courageous struggle in the battle of life.

TO MAKE FULL CREAM CHEESE should be the practice of every factory operating in Maine this coming season. The demand always is for a choice article, and the word comes all along the line from one end of the country to the other, "we must make full cream cheese." It is hazardous to tamper with this, and to attempt to pass off a poor article when a good article would sell itself. Better give the milk to pigs and cattle than to make it up into an article so poor that it must remain in the storerooms until autumn before it can be sold. Full cream cheese will always sell itself, for every buyer will come back for the second piece.

What has been said of late about the ELEUO PNEUMONIA affecting cattle in Connecticut, and the long Island, is nothing at all new. It has long been known, that the swill establishment's on Long Island, where cows are kept for furnishing milk to New York city, and kept largely on distilled slops, have hardly been free from contagious pleuro-pneumonia for the past fifteen or twenty years. We are glad to note that active measures are being taken by the proper State authorities in New York, to rout the disease from its old haunts, and completely "stamp it out," at what cost—the only way to deal with this insidious, slow developing, dread plague. We believe our own herds to be free from it, and trust every precaution will be taken against the introduction of the disease into any part of our own State.

In our notice of the BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT of G. J. SWAY, Esq., in the FARMER of the 221st issue, readers are requested to make the following corrections: In the record of Thoroldia for 23 1/4, read 22 2 1/4; and in the account of horses for sale, for "mare by Ken," read "stallion." We hope other errors, if detected will be overlooked, as they are believed to be of slight importance.

We have no room just now for the article on STALL FEEDING SHEEP which an old subscriber desires us to re-publish from a member of the FARMER published in 1818. It describes the plan of feeding sheep for the market in houses especially fitted for them as practiced by Mr. Richard Simeon, Isle of Wight, England; and is in brief that of feeding the sheep for market in the stall as cattle are fed. The sheep are healthy, thrive fast, and gain in an average from two to three pounds a week, an occasionally individuals will gain a pound a day. The measure from these sheep is said to be very rich, "equal to guano." The advantages of stall feeding sheep could not be less in our cold and inclement climate than in England, and might be adopted with profit.

Notes by the Way.

ALONG the Penobscot from Howland Point to Mattawamisco, the surface deposits are all sedimentary, either sand, clay or gravel, with large boulders, mostly granite. Observed to fossils in these deposits. Right at Mattawamisco's settlement are three gravelly hills four feet high, a mile apart, with a distance of about one mile to the head of the stream. East of the hills is a small elevation. Just above here lies Hoocomeat Island, and a gravel ridge runs the whole length of the hill and right on the west bank of the river. The sea is to the north between the river and the road to Ward Chester. This ridge lies in the woods and can be seen from the road a mile and a half north of Mattawamisco. A road leads to the hills north of Mattawamisco, and the road to the head of the stream. Near here a ridge covered with a gravelly soil, has a chance to work upon it and reduce it to the angle of stability, that of sand and gravel, and is a mile long. 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